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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB143 by Ellis, Rodney (Relating to the prosecution of the offense of failure to report child abuse.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase the punishment for the offense of failure to report child abuse from a Class B misdemeanor to a felony of the third degree. The bill would also amend the limitation and venue provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow for felony indictments to be presented within ten years from the 18th birthday of a child who has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect: failure to report abuse or neglect under the Family Code. It is assumed that the bill would not have a significant fiscal impact on the State.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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